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1. INDOCHINA

VN/France signed agreement Wednesday for GOF provide 134 million dols more aid/establish joint cmte to promote bilateral rels (WP). VN diplomats say Hanoi setting many hopes on bilateral talks w/US opening 5/3 re honoring Nixon "pledge" for 3.25 billion dols in US reconstruction aid.

PHAM VAN DONG agreed pay French indemnities for property
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SEIZED IN NVN after French pullout/promised partially lift freeze of private French assets impounded in SVN. French apparently anticipate future US/VN reconciliation, appear anxious stake out position in VN in some key econ areas, incl oil exploration/exploitation (JOC SPEC).

GOF/VN seal reconciliation 6 days before US/VN reps meet to discuss resumption dipl rels/agreement on US econ/financial aid. France assures 600-800 million dols in aid for next 5 yrs/agreed open air France link w/Hanoi.

STRICT SECURITY MEASURES TAKEN FOR DONG VISIT DUE EXPECTED

TROUBLE FROM 50,000 VIET RESIDENTS IN FRANCE, MAJORITY
OF WHOM OPPOSE HANOI REGIME (PULLAN, SUN).

USG SOURCES REPORT FORMER SVN SOLDIERS/OTHER RESISTERS
STILL WAGE SMALL-SCALE WARFARE VS HANOI REGIME. CONSIDERED
ONLY MATTER TIME BEFORE COMMUNIST ARMY ELIMINATES
RESISTANCE, SINCE UNCOORDINATED/HAS NO OUTSIDE SOURCE
RESUPPLY. RESISTERS APPARENTLY GET LITTLE ACTIVE SUPPORT
FROM SVN POPULATION DESCRIBED AS SUBMISSIVE/RESENTFUL
TOWARD NORTHERN "CONQUERORS" (AP, PHINQ).

RADIO HANOI SAYS HCM CITY, FORMERLY SAIGON, NOW ALMOST
FREE FROM ILLITERACY/PROSTITUTION/DRUG ADDICTION (REUTER
SINGAPORE 4/27).

2. BURMA/CHINA

NE WIN ARRIVED PEKING 4/27 ON 2ND OFFICIAL VISIT IN 2 YRS
(CSM); MET BY TOP-LEVEL LEADERS, INCL HUA KUO-FENG/VICE
PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN/FONMIN HUANG HUA (REUTER, WP).

3. CHINA

REUTER (PEKING) NOTES PRC COMMENTARY, PUBLISHED WEDNESDAY
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IN 3 MAJOR JOURNALS, THAT MAO CONSIDERED GPRC 70 PCT
SUCCESSFUL/30 PCT "MISTAKEN." INDICATED THE 30 PCT
MAINLY REFERRED TO 1966-1969 VIOLENCE/NEAR-ANARCHY, AND
BLAMED PURGED RADICAL LEADERS, INCLUDING CHIANG CHING
(SUN).

REUTER (MOSCOW) REPORTS SOVIET, IN GESTURE APPARENTLY
INTENDED AS NEW JIBE AT PRESENT PRC LEADERSHIP, PAID
POINTED TRIBUTE THURS TO EARLY CHINESE REVOLUTIONARY
LI TA-CHAO, DESCRIBING HIM AS TRUE FRIEND OF SOVIET.

4. JAPAN

WP'S SAAR (TOKYO) WRITES ON US-JAPAN DISPUTE OVER REPROCES-
SING NUKE FUEL. MENTIONS OPENING JAPAN'S 1ST FAST-BREEDER
REACTOR THIS WK/FUKUDA PLAN INSIST ON JAPAN'S RIGHT TO
REPROCESSING IN PVT MTGS W/CARTER DURING LONDON ECON SUMMIT.
FON MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE DENIED NEWS ACCOUNTS THAT JAPAN
ATTEMPTING "JOINT FRONT" W/UK/FRG/France TO PERSUADE CARTER
MODIFY NUKE STANCE. JAPANESE DIPLOMAT SAYS US REFUSAL
ALLOW OPN TOKAI PLANT "WOULD BE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST
JAPAN" COMPARED W/FRG. TOKYO PAPERS CRITICIZE CARTER
PLAN AS "SELF-RIGHTEOUS," "SELF-CENTERED."

CARTER PRESENTED CONGRESS 4/27 COMPLEX LEGISLATION PKG DESIGNED CONTROL NUKE EXPORTS, PREVENT/LIMIT SPREAD NUKE WEAPONS. US SPECIALISTS SAID PROPOSALS DIDN'T THREATEN US RELS W/ANY ALLIES; CITED JAPAN AS EXAMPLE, SAYING LEGISLATION "CONTAINS NO DIRECT IMPLICATIONS" FOR US-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP. ITEM ALSO MENTIONS FACT NUKE POWER SAFEGUARDS UNDER WHICH JAPAN OPERATES EVEN GREATER THAN THOSE CONTEMPLATED IN NEW LEGISLATION (TREWHITT, SUN).

GOJ/USG EXCHANGED NOTES 4/27 RENEWING AGREEMENT ON INTL OBSERVATION WHALING OPNS IN N PAC FOR ANOTHER YR (AP,WP).

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IN SERIES ECON MOVES, GOJ LOWERS INTEREST RATES ON SAVINGS DEPOSITS 1 PCT/APPROVES PUBLIC TRANSPORT FARE HIKES 20-40 QGT; FUTURE PLANS INCLUDE RAIL FARE HIKES/LOWER INTEREST RATES ON POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITS (JAMESON, LAT TOKYO 4/27).

JAPAN'S VEHICLE EXPORTS LAST YR ROSE 27.7 PCT TO RECORD HIGH 3.82 MIL UNITS; US STILL BIGGEST CUSTOMER, FOLLOWED BY AUSTRALIA/SAUDI ARABIA (REUTER TOKYO).

SUN'S SEIDEN (TOKYO) REPORTS JAPAN'S FEARED RIOT POLICE SQUAD NOW INCLUDES 201 WOMEN, TO BE USED ONLY DURING "PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS." WOMEN WEAR RABBIT INSIGNIAS RATHER THAN WOLF INSIGNIAS WORN BY MALE RIOT SQUAD MEMBERS.

OKINORI KAYA, JAPAN'S WARTIME FINANCE MINISTER, DIED IN TOKYO AT AGE 88. KAYA SPENT 10 YRS IN PRISON AS WAR CRIMINAL, LATER RETURNED TO DIET/CABINET (REUTER TOKYO).

5. JAPAN/PHILIPPINES

SPEAKING AT DINNER GIVEN BY FUKUDA TUES, MARCOS CALLED FOR "CREATIVE PARTNERSHIP" BETW JAPAN/SEA TO SERVE AS SHIELD AGAINST NEW THREATS IN REGION. MARCOS CITED "EVIDENT RECHARTING" US PRESENCE/COMMITMENTS TO ASIAN/PAC SECURITY (UPI, LAT 4/27). NYT'S KAMM (TOKYO) ADDS AT PRESS CONF, MARCOS SAID FUKUDA "IMMEDIATELY" TOLD HIM JAPAN HAS NO INTENTION REARMING/ATTAINING NUKE CAPABILITY. COUNTRY PLANS HELP POORER ASIAN NATIONS DEVELOP ECONOMICALLY IN ORDER DEFEND SELVES AGAINST INTERNAL INSURGENCIES WHICH FUKUDA TERMED "PRIMARY THREAT."

6. PHILIPPINES

PHILS' ROMAN CATHOLIC ASSN SAYS TORTURE DETAINEES BY MIL INVESTIGATORS HAS NOT STOPPED SINCE SIMILAR ALLEGATIONS MADE YR AGO BY AMNESTY INTL. GOP HAS DENIED TORTURE IN UNCLASSIFIED

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GOVT POLICY, SAID SINCE AMNESTY INTL REPORT ISSUED, AT

LEAST 4 MIL MEN DIMISSED/GIVEN OTHER PUNISHMENT (REUTER MANILA).

7. JAPAN/SINGAPORE

SUMITOMO CHEMICAL PRES SAYS 6 JAPANESE FIRMS HAVE FORMALLY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN INVESTING IN/DEVELOPING PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY IN SINGAPORE. SUMITOMO WANTS FINALIZE PROJECT BEFORE PM LEE VISITS JAPAN IN MAY (UPI, JOC).

8. KOREA

KIM IL SUNG SAYS BELIEVES US HAS DEMONSTRATED "FAVORABLE ATTITUDE" TOWARD NK W/RECENT DECISIONS, INCL PLANNED W/DRAWAL GROUND TROOPS FROM SK/END TOURIST BAN/CRITICISM SK HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY. ADDS NK ADOPTING WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE TOWARD CARTER ADMIN (WP).

NK IGNORES NEW SK APPEAL TO RESUME RED CROSS TALKS FOR REUNION AFTER 4-YR DEADLOCK (REUTER SEOUL).

SOURCES SAY NJ SALAD OIL SWINDLER DE ANGELIS RECEIVED "AT LEAST 225,000" DOL LOAN FROM TONGSUN PARK TO GET STARTED IN PORK-MKTING BUSINESS. LOAN REPORTEDLY MADE AT URGING EX-REP GALLAGHER (D-NJ), JAILED IN 1973-4 FOR INCOME TAX EVASION (VOLZ, NYDN). ARMSTRONG (WP) REPORTS DIPLOMAT NATL BANK PRES KIM RESIGNS; DIRECTORS SOUGHT RESIGNATION DUE CONNECTIONS TONGSUN PARK/REV MOON AIDE PAK BO HI.

9. AUSTRALIA

LAT REPORTS CALIF MAN ACCUSED OF ESPIONAGE SAYS CIA INFILTRATED AUSSIE UNIONS IN EFFORT SUPPRESS TRANSPORT UNCLASSIFIED

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INDUSTRY STRIKES IN 1975. PM FRASER TELLS PARLIAMENT GOA WILL INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS THAT CIA INVOLVED UNDERCOVER ACTIVITIES THERE (WP). CHRISTOPHER BOYCE, BEING TRIED AT LA ON CONSPIRACY CHARGES, SAYS LEARNED CIA "MANIPULATING THE LEADERSHIP OF LABOR UNIONS" IN AUSTRALIA. CIA SAYS NO COMMENT RE ALLEGATIONS WHILE TRIAL IN PROGRESS (PHINQ).

WILSON (NYDN) QUOTES BOYCE THAT GIVEN INFO BY CIA WHEN BRIEFED FOR TS CLEARANCE AT TRW. LINDSAY (NYT) NOTES BOYCE CONTENTION THAT REVULSION TO SUCH CIA TACTICS VS US ALLY LED HIM AGREE LEAK INFO TO PUBLIC THRU FRIEND,

BUT FRIEND SOLD IT TO USSR/EMBROIDERED HIM IN 2-YR ESPIONAGE
OPN. QUOTES SOURCE THAT IN EXCHANGE FOR US BASES IN
AUSSIE OUTBACK, GOA MAY HAVE BEEN PROMISED CERTAIN
ESPIONAGE INFO BY US.

BUTTERFIELD (CANBERRA NYT) QUOTES PM FRASER THAT GOA WILL
LOOK INTO ALLEGATION CIA DECEIVED AUSTRALIA. MENTIONS
LITTLE INFO ON OUTBACK US BASES AVAILABLE/SOME LEFT-WING
LABOR PARTY SUPPORTERS SUSPECT GOA NEVER FULLY INFORMED
RE TRUE USE, COULD MAKE AUSTRALIA VULNERABLE TO USSR
ATTACK. REUTER (MELBOURNE) QUOTES TOP LABOR OFFICIAL
HARRIS THAT HAS EVIDENCE OF CIA INTERVENTION W/AUSSIE
LABOR LEADERS.

AFSA ATTACKS PRES' APPOINTMENTS AMBS TO AUSTRALIA/BELGIUM.
PUBLISHES LTR TO SFRC TO REJECT PHILIP ALSTON, SINCE
FAILED ESTABLISH QUALIFIED FOR JOB/WAS MAJOR CAMPAIGN
CONTRIBUTOR. SFRC, HOWEVER, APPROVED NOMINATION/
RECOMMENDED SENATE CONFIRMATION (REUTER, WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. CHINA

NCUSCT HK REP KAMM ESTIMATES US FIRMS ATTENDING CANTON
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SPRING TRADE FAIR HAVE WRITTEN ORDERS FOR US 20 MILLION
DOLS--RECORD FOR ANY SPRING FAIR, AND CLOSE TO LAST
YEAR'S TOTAL SPRING FAIR SALES OF US 25 MILLION DOLS.
TRAVELERS RETURNING FROM CANTON, ACCORDING JOC HK SPEC,
REPORT IMPORTANT CHANGES: CHINESE HAVE BEEN MUCH MORE
STRAIGHTFORWARD IN DEALINGS, ESPECIALLY DISCUSSIONS
ABOUT IMPORTS; THERE IS DEFINITE CHANGE IN ATMOSPHERE,
WITH CHINESE INCREASINGLY WILLING TALK W/FOREIGNERS,
AND SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION RED TAPE. TRAVELERS ALSO FOUND
SUBTLE SHIFT IN PRC ATTITUDE TO US, WITH CHINESE FOR
FIRST TIME AGREEING TEST THEIR PHARMACEUTICALS TO USP
STANDARDS, AND CEREALS, OILS, FOODSTUFFS EXPORT CORP
AGREEING REGISTER WITH FDA ITS BRANCHES WHICH EXPORT
LOW-ACID CANNED FOODSTUFFS TO US. US ATTENDANCE AT
FAIR DOWN FROM LAST YEAR, BUT COULD BE DUE TO GREATER
CHINESE SELECTIVITY.

UPI'S CHAS SMITH (HK) NOTES PRC HAS LAUNCHED MOST OPEN
PUBLIC DEBATE EVER HELD THERE OVER DEFENSE SPENDING/MIL
MODERNIZATION, WITH RADIO PEKING MAKING SOME POWERFUL
ARGUMENTS FOR MORE SPENDING/RAPID MODERNIZATION. OBSERVES
BROADCASTS ALSO DISCLOSED SOME GLIMPSES OF BITTER BEHIND-
SCENES DEBATE THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON IN PAST YEARS OVER
MODERNIZATION. NOTES THAT ALTHOUGH BROADCASTS INVOKED
NAMES OF MAO/CHOU TO SUPPORT MODERNIZATION ARGUMENT, NO
MENTION WAS MADE OF PREMIER HUA--WHO IS ALSO COMMITTED TO

MODERNIZATION PROGRAM, BUT, ACCORDING INDICATIONS, WANTS
SEE IT DEVELOPED MORE SLOWLY (BALT NA 4/27).

SEN GOLDWATER WRITES WP THAT ITS 4/20 EDIT URGING US END
TIES WITH ROC AS STEP TOWARD NORMALIZING WITH PRC MEANS,
IN EFFECT, GIVING PEKING PRECISELY WHAT IT WANTS AT
EXPENSE OF "AN OLD AND VALUED FRIEND." MAINTAINS WP'S
TALK OF DESERTING ROC IN WAY THAT WOULD NOT DIMINISH ITS
ACTUAL SECURITY IS "MEANINGLESS WORDS," SINCE NO AMOUNT
OF ASSURANCE FROM "RED CHINA" WOULD IN ANY WAY ASSURE
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"FREE CHINA" SECURITY OVER ANY PERIOD OF YEARS. CITING
CARTER'S "HEAVY EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN OTHER NATIONS,"
GOLDWATER QUESTIONS "GREAT HASTE" TO DO PRC'S BIDDING--
NATION WHOSE HUMAN RIGHTS RECORDS IS PERHAPS "MOST
MISERABLE" IN ENTIRE WORLD.

NEWHOUSE'S LOCKWOOD (IN TAIPEI) FINDS CITY'S "REALITY
DISPROVES THE IMAGE." OBSERVES AMONG MOTORISTS "NO
VOICE RAISED IN ANGER, NO THREATENING OR DERISIVE GESTURES
NO EXPLOSIVE TEMPER TANTRUMS"; ROC CITIES ARE CLEAN,
ORDERLY, AMAZINGLY CRIME-FREE, FROM WESTERN VIEWPOINT;
IN GOVT, BUSINESS, INDUSTRY, AND AMONG PROFESSIONS,
FOUND ACCEPTANCE OF BELIEF ROC GOVT WILL SOMEDAY RETURN
TO MAINLAND (LAT 4/27).

11. GENERAL

CONTENDING THAT "FOR HIS OWN SAKE, HIS PRESIDENT'S, AND
HIS COUNTRY'S," UN AMB YOUNG "SHOULD PACK IT IN.,
PAT BUCHANAN (CHITRIB) BLASTS YOUNG'S REPORTED COMMENT
THAT RACISM, NOT COMMUNISM, IS WORLD THREAT. BUCHANAN
SAYS REFUGEES WORLD OVER--"BE THEY CAMBODIAN, CUBAN,
VIETNAMESE, LAOTIAN, CHINESE, EAST GERMAN, OR SOVIET
JEWS"--ARE FLEETING NOT RACISM BUT "INSTITUTIONALIZED
TYRANNY AND TERROR."
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